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COUNTER-PROPAGATING SIGNAL METHOD

FOR LOCATING EVENTS"

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office action dated January 31, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter and consider the following Amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims: 2-6

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks:

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